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In re Application of: )  
TAKASHI KENMOKU ET AL. ) : Examiner: N.Y.A.  
Application No.: 10/579,805 ) : Group Art Unit: 1632  
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2005/010997 ) : Confirmation No. 3465  
Filed: June 9, 2005 ) :  
For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE )  
HAVING ESTER GROUP, :  
CARBOXYL GROUP, AND )  
SULFONIC GROUP, AND :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.